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OR,

Curious Amusements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are Added the most

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domestick.

Perform'd by some of the Society of GENTLEMEN, Concern'd in the First and Second VOLUME, with the Assistance of other Ingenious PERSONS.

From Wednesday November 1st. to Friday November 3d. 1710.

GENTLEMEN,

Q. *BE pleased to Resolve me who it was that appeared to* Joshua, Jos. Chap. 5. Ver. 13, 14, 15. *I believe it would be of great Instruction to the* Jews. *The Preamble of the* Chapter *Explains it to be an* Angel, *but* Joshua *Worshipped him, when the* Holy Scripture *forbids it: Moreover,* Joshua *is order'd to loose his Shoe, the Place being Holy, but in other Apparitions of* Angels *such order is never given, only to* Moses *in the* Burning Bush, *where* God *was. I compare the said* Chap. *to that of* Genesis, 18. Ver. 1, *to* 19. *Where I conceive there is a Mystery also, as in* Genesis, Chap. 1. Ver. 26. *I shall not Explain here my Thoughts, but expect your more knowing Solution.*

Your Humble Servant, &c.

A. We know it is the Opinion of many Divines, that the Places here mentioned, bear a reference to the uncreated Angel, *viz.* the Eternal Son of God. But we think there is no necessity for a recourse to such dubious and mystical Interpretations, if they are only framed to elude the Force of the *Papists* Argument for the Worshipping of Angels, as we believe they are not for any other end. For let it be granted the *Papists*, that the Angels which we Read, *Abraham, Lot, Jacob* and *Joshua* Worshipped, were really created Angels, and what Conclusion can they draw from thence that shall favor their Doctrine? For those Angels that are said to have been Worshipped, were not absent but present. They then appeared in the Name of God as his Messengers or Representatives of his Person, and under that Notion received the Homage that was paid to them. But is this any Argument that the same is due to them when absent, unless they wou'd either ascribe Omnipresence or Omniscience to them, which is to make them Gods? As for the Angel that appeared to *Joshua*, it was probably the Archangel *Michael*, if we may judge by the Title that is given to him.

Q. Gentlemen, *I have Read your Answer concerning the Multiplicity of Wives in the* Mosaic *Oeconomy, which you Explain was not Lawful. But I don't Read that even Holy Men before the Law, as* Abraham, *nor after the Law as* David, *and others, were ever Check'd for that Sin, as they were for others, in many Instances: Nay, nor even the having Concubines, as* Abraham *before the Law, and* Samson, *and others after the Law. The Clearing of this may be of Instruction to them who delude themselves by such Examples. For I heard once a Gentleman (without his knowing of it) who would Debauch a Woman, bring all these Examples for Arguments to persuade her,*

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Admirer and unknown, but most

Humble Servant, T. L.

A. The Scriptures not reprehending Polygamy in the Patriarchs is far from being an Argument of the Lawfulness of it in them. We do not find that *Lot* was reproved for his Incest: But will any one therefore inferr that this was no Sin in him. We can indeed by no means see how they can be wholly excused from the Violation of the Primitive Law given to Mankind concerning Marriage; only something may be said to alleviate their Crime. For of those Holy Men, as particularly *Abraham* and *Jacob*, had the Consent of their Lawful Wives for their Cohabiting with other Women; and others were drawn into it by the prevailing Ignorance and Corruptions of the Times. But that there was any Dispensation of this Crime is no where either expressed or imply'd: Tho' some have falsly concluded thus, from the Law given by *Moses* concerning the Inheritances of Poligamists. To which we Answer, that there is a Law concerning the bringing the Hire of a Whore into the Lord's

House: But does this imply an Approbation of such Hire? There is a Law concerning the Election of a King of *Israel*, yet God was far from approving of the Desire of the People for any such Government. And for a full Answer to all other Trifling Objections, we say that the Seventh Commandment in the Decalogue is a direct, positive and indispensable Law against all Polygamy or Concubinage of what kind soever. Every one will acknowledg that that Prohibition affects the Man, as well as the Woman: And if so, then must every Husband be Guilty of Adultery, when he receives into the Covenant of Marriage, or into the Possession of his Bed, another Woman besides her to whom he first plighted his Faith, and gave the Power over his Body. We cannot better conclude this Point than in these Pathetical Words of *Isocrates*, "I cannot but greatly Condemn those, who "having entred upon a Married State, for their "whole Life, neglect afterwards to stand to the "Argument; but giving a loose to their Pleasures, "injure those dear Partners from whom they ex-"pect nothing but Kindness and Comfort. In "other Bargains they are wont to Practice Justice "and Honesty, and yet make no Scruple to vio-"late the Nuptial Contract, which ought to be so "much more strictly observed, than all others, as "it is of more Sacred Obligation, and of nearer "and more Important concern.

Q. Gentlemen, *I freely confess to you, I am deep in Love, even over Shoes and Boots in Love, never* Irish-Man *was so souc'd in a Bog, as I am in this Quagmire of Love. The occasion of my Passion too, was so Odd, Whimsical, and out of the way, that to tell you the Truth, I fear I am Bewitch'd: They talk of Charms and Philters, I am sure I am Charm'd and Philter'd, till I am in such a Filthy Condition, that I know not which way to Proceed or Retreat. To tell you therefore as a great* Secret, *which I know you will keep so well, that no Body, but all the World shall hear of it. The manner of my falling into this lamentable Condition was thus. It was (alas, I may say) my great Misfortune to come to Town, in a Stage-Coach, with a Prodigious Fat, Old* Scotch-Woman, *she was also very Ugly, with only two or three Stumps in her Head, and those as Black as my Hat: Her Breath and Effluviums from her Hide, fixt Constant in my Mind, the Image of an* Otter. *Now, you will say, here was no danger of Creating such a Passion in me, and indeed there was not; but now comes the Fatal Blow. You must know, we came to the* George-Inn, *in* Southwark, *where we both lay that Night, and my Chamber happen'd to be next hers, with a Crevise in the Wall between; now, were I to be Hang'd for it, I never cou'd help Peeping into the next Room, when a Woman was going to Bed; I saw her with some Impatience put off her Cloaths by degrees, till she came to her Smock, then after the manner of her Country Women, who are better House-wife's, than to wear out their own Linnen, when they pay for others, she pull'd off that, and being, as I told you, extream Fat, on the sudden her spacious Bum, broke out in such amazing Luster, that the whole Room appear'd so illuminated with its Rays, that the Candle remained Invisible, while, I like a* Pagan *Worshipping the* Sun, *fell down on my Knees, in Adoration to its Glory. Now,* Gentlemen, *let me beg your Advice under these most unhapy circumstances, and what Course I had best to steer: If I have her not, I am the most forlorn Wretch Breathing, and shou'd I Marry her (which I believe not difficult, because I have a Plentiful Estate, and have Learn'd that she is a Poor Country Chandler) I say, if I Marry her, and cannot prevail with her, to go always with her Cloaths tuckt up above her Bum, I shall miss the Object of my Admiration, and so had as good be without her. Whatever your Counsel is, I am resolv'd to follow it.*

A. No wonder if after you had long Encounter'd a Dark and foul Night, in her Face, you shou'd be so agreeably surpriz'd at the Sight of an Orient Full Moon. But what necessity is there, that you shou'd be Eternally gazing on the Object of your Admiration? A retir'd Beauty keeps its Darts more pointed, whereas there may be danger of a Surfeit from an Inundation of Charms, always loading the Imagination. One won'd think that only a *Kiss* at every turn, wou'd keep your Appetite keener, and give you a smarter last of Pleasure. Yet for all your finer Encomiums, on its Perfections, we believe there is little difference in her Breath at both ends, nor any great preference in the soft Accent in her Fundamental Speech, saving that it may be more rare. We advise you however to make the most earnest Application to the Part Affected by you, shou'd it be silently Sullen, Feed her with Cabbage and it will speak fast enough. The *Quagmire* was unluckily expressed by you, and appears a little Portentous, from the similitude it bears, with your uncommon Beauty; however it must certainly be a most delicious Death, if on your close Imbraces, you shou'd chance to be stifled in the Crowd of Charms, which may at once Assault you, and as you Dye by *one*, so it is pity but your Obsequies shou'd be Celebrated on *another Dunghill*, with your Estate divided amongst Mourners, which will not be easily purchased on such an Occasion.

POEMS.

BIBLIOTHECA BODLEIANA

Q. APOLLO, *I'll tell ye,*
What lately befel me,
And I'm in much Pain,
'Twill hap so again;
Which doubtless will make me stark Mad;
Except your Advice,
May come in a Trice,
And quickly relieve me,
From Matters which grieve me,
And thereby a Cure may be had.

A Wife *I have got*
(I wish I had not)
In Tongue very bold,
Which some call a Scold;
I mean she was so for a time:
And in ev'ry Place,
She wrought my Disgrace,
While Hen-peck't *I seem'd,*
And by all esteem'd
A Nizey to suffer that Crime.

For

For while I harangu'd her,
And sometimes I bang'd her,
With Counsel advis'd her,
With Crabtree chastis'd her;
Which she for some time did endure;
In Words grew more sparing,
In Gestures less daring,
My will ne'er denying,
Nor Orders defying,
'Till I was in hopes of a Cure.

But ah! my Vexation,
Finds Multiplication,
Grows greater and greater,
Which makes me to hate her;
For after this Trouble and Pother,
Tho' I've Cur'd her Tongue,
Which so loudly rung
(That terrible Evil)
And drove out that Devil,
She now is possess'd by another.

For now she is Dumb,
Where e'er she does come,
No Question will Answer,
What e'er I advance, Sir,
But deep in the Sullens *appears;*
That every one thinks,
The Malapert Minx,
Despising my Rule,
Does count me a Fool,
So load me with Floutings and Jeers.

APOLLO, *now say,*
What method or way,
I next shall go on,
Or I am undone,
And almost tyr'd out of my Life;
Or if I've no ground,
That such may be found,
You wou'd not Advise,
As best to your Eyes,
I present to the Devil *my* Wife.

A. Sure never was known,
In Country or Town,
A Man made pre ense,
But to Common Sense,
So void of all Reason as you:
Her Tongue must not Walk,
And yet she must Talk,
Be Dumb and yet speak,
Was e'er such a Freak,
Or any such Whimsies pursue.

Before you advis'd her,
And also chastis'd her,
And while thus you storm'd her,
It seems you reform'd her,
And made her just what you wou'd have her;
And now you have brought her,
To what you have wrought her,
She needs must Rehearse,
Exact the Reverse,
To all those Instructions you gave her.

Since Speaking or Mute,
She can't please the Brute,
Nor by her complying,
Nor by her denying,
Which shew that his Brains are all Addle;
We hence do advise,
Your Threats she'll dispise,
And ev'ry way be,
To her own liking free,
As fitter for *Mounting* the *Saddle*.

Q. *No doubt,* APOLLO, *you have heard,*
(Since all around the Globe you've steer'd)
A Saying, which hath been of Old,
And is in ev'ry corner told;
And that, a Yorkshire Way-bit is,
Now, what's th' Original of this?

A. Tho' the vulgar Sayings teach,
'Tis *Wee-bit,* is the proper Speech,
A *Yorkshirisme* and direct
Term of the *Norhern Dialect*;
And is no other than a *Small Bit,*
As we more *Southern People* call it.
Yet many who with Travel tyr'd,
Have been be-lated and be-mir'd,
Have thought this *Way-Bit,* to be more,
Than all their Journey was before,
And therefore have Informer Curst,
For not acquainting with the worst.

SIR,

THE Letters from the Hague, Nov. 7th. Say, that according to their Advices from France, the French King is resolved to Augment his Forces with 60000 Men, and act Offensively both by Sea and Land the next Campaign, but these Projects are looked upon as impracticable; That whatever it be, 'tis certain that the States take timely Precautions to carry on the War even with greater Vigor than ever, and in order thereunto have resolved to Recruit their Troops with all possible speed; That to incourage the Officers, their High Mightinesses have resolved to present them with a Gratuity of 2400 Guilders for each Batallion, and 100 Guilders for each Troop of Horse, besides the usual Sum allowed for Recruits; That they are pleased likewise, that for their

their further incouragement, they shall be Muster'd Compleat, whatever number of Men they want, till the 25th of March next, when they are to Muster their full Nnumber of Men and Horses, upon pain of being immediately Cashier'd; and 'tis not doubted but by these means these means all the Troops in their Service shall be in a Condition to take the Field by the beginning of April.

London, November the 3d.

On Wednesday Night an Officer arrived here Express from the Duke of Marlborough to Her Majesty, with an Account that the Capitulation of Aire was Sign'd on Sunday last, and the Troops of the Allies put in Possession of the Town and the Fort St. François, the Garrison was to March out on Tuesday last to be conducted to St. Omer.

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Beaumaris, *Henry Bertie*, Esq.
Shire of *Bamf*, *Alex. Abercombie* of *Glassaugh*, Esq.
Shire of *Fife*, Lord *Lyon*,
Shire of *Forfair*, *John Carnegie* of *Boysick*, Esq.

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